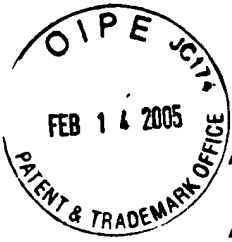


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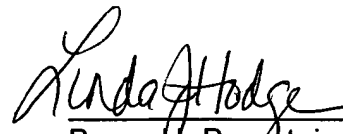
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of an English language translation of an International Preliminary Examination Report that was mailed on April 15, 2004, with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/000304, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report was filed in the present application on July 15, 2004.

Applicants note that the documents cited in the International Preliminary Examination Report were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement. Since no new documents are being cited, Applicants believe no fee is required to ensure consideration of this completion of record.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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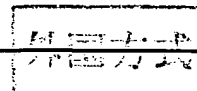
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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of <u>2</u> sheets.</p>	
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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
 pages _____ 1-13 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
 pages _____ 9-10 _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____ 1, 6-8 _____, filed with the letter of _____ 16 January 2004 (16.01.2004)
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages _____ 1-22b _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. _____ 2-5 _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 6-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1, 6-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 6-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP, 60-227708, A (Jack Kenneth Ibot), 13 November, 1985 (13.11.85)

Document 2: JP, 9-350, A (Kyoritsu Seiji K.K.), 7 January, 1997 (07.01.97)

Document 3: JP, 8-154727, A (K.K. Laurel), 18 June, 1996 (18.06.96)

Document 4: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the written application of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 1327/1991 (Laid-open No. 54240/1992) (Michio Nonaka), 8 May, 1992 (08.05.92)

The subject matters of claims 1 and 6-8 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 describes that an electric circuit from a conductive covering material of a handle portion through a lead piece to the negative electrode of a battery is formed so that electric energy (minus ions) flows from brush hair to the human body.

Document 2 describes that a bias voltage from a commercial power source is entered to generate anions.

Furthermore, whether electric energy (minus ions) should be fed from brush hair or a handle portion is considered to be a matter to be selected, as required, by a person skilled in the art.

So, the subject matters of claims 1 and 6-8 are considered to be a combination consisting of documents 1 and 2, and a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of this combination.

The subject matter of claim 9 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1-3 cited in the ISR.

Document 3 describes that a mechanism for drying a brush and human hair is provided.

The subject matter of claim 10 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1, 2 and 4 cited in the ISR.

Document 4 describes that a heating unit for holding a brush and human hair is provided.